

I have read this proposed FCC rule. Although the bill's sponsors believe that this bill will protect local radio stations, they ignore the fact that listeners of satellite radio will not be listening to local radio when inclement weather or other local calamities occur. The biggest problem I see with this bill is that it potentially poses a public-safety hazard to those who have chosen to listen to satellite radio, and are not listening to local radio when these instances occur.

Secondly, I have looked into the NAB and it appears that it represents only commercial (private) radio stations. If this is so, both the FCC and the NAB should be reminded that true public radio provides services for free (requesting donations), and often provide better local weather and traffic information than its commercial competitors.

Third, I would like the FCC to show its authority to rule on the subject matter of privately funded communications. From what I understand, the FCC cannot control the contents of fully private cable stations (as compared to community broadcasts on cable), and I would think that the same rule applies to satellite radio.

Thank you.